

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for keeping a copy of data, wherein a primary database server is coupled to a primary data store, wherein the primary database server receives database events from an external source and generates signals for accessing the primary data store, the method comprising

using ~~the~~ a tracking process to store at least a portion of the received database events in an event log; ~~and~~

processing the event log to eliminate one or more events stored therein that have been rendered irrelevant;

using the processed event log to update a secondary data store.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising
excluding some of the events from being stored in the event log.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising wherein the step of excluding some of the events in the event log includes the substep of allowing a user to define which events are excluded.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the external source includes an application program.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the application program is part of a messaging network.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising
updating multiple secondary data stores.

7. (Previously Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method for maintaining copies of data, wherein an application program sends events to a database server, wherein the database server generates database transactions to modify a primary copy of data, the method comprising:

storing a record of the events as an original event log; ~~and~~

using the original event log or a portion thereof to maintain multiple copies of the data at a plurality of secondary data sites; wherein at least one of the plurality of secondary data sites receives a series of events in an order different from the order of events in the original event log; and

using the received different-order events to update data at the at least one of the plurality of secondary data sites.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising
transferring at least a portion of the record of events to multiple data sites, wherein each data site includes a data store, wherein each data store includes at least a portion of the data;
and

using the transferred at least a portion of the record of events to update the data at the data stores.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one data site receives events from two or more data sites.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Newly Added) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
processing the original event log to eliminate one or more events stored thereon that have been rendered irrelevant.